(b) the amount allocated to different States for the implementaion of Social Forestry Programme during the Seventh Plan Period so far, year-wise; and

(c) the details of the Social Forestry Programme implemented in those States so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Social Forestry is being implemented under a number of Centrally-sponsored and State Plan schemes. It is assessed that during Seventh Plan period the total outlay for all the afforestation scheme would be approximately Rs. 2405 crores.

(b) The expenditure reported by the State Governments for all the afforestation works is as follows:—

1985-86	Rs. 378 crores
1986-87	Rs. 491 crores
1987-88	Rs. 483 crores

(c) The Social Forestry Programme includes tree planting on private lands, community lands, government-owned lands inside as well as outside forest areas, canal, rail and road-side plantations, rural fuelwood plantations, silvipasture development, establishment of decentralised people's nurseries etc. In all 5.04 million hectares has been covered under the various afforestation programmes in the last three years while targeted coverage for 1988-89 is 2 million hectares.

Guidelines regarding staff transfer in Nationalised Banks

822. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instruction has been issued to the nationalised banks to the effect that officers should not be allowed to continue in the same branch after a certain time limit;

(b) whether it is a fact this instruction is being violated in the Delhi branches of Allahabad Bank;

(c) if so, what is the number of such cases which have come to the notice of Government; and

(d) what remedial steps Government have taken or propose to take to see that guidelines in this regard are strictly followed by the nationalised banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) As per Government instructions, rotations of officers should be done every 3 years in public sector banks. Allahabad Bank has reported that these instructions are followed in Delhi branches of the bank though some exceptions are made depending on administrative exigencies and humanitarian considerations that may be involved in individual cases. The bank has also reported Seven (7) cases of officers completing 3 years tenure in Delhi branches. Out of these Seven cases, one person is already under transfer and the remaining Six are also being shifted.

Export of cotton-piece goods

823. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the share of the textile mills in the export of cotton-piece goods and made-up has dropped since the ushering in of the New Textile Policy contrary to the claims of Government at the time of the announcement of the policy;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the decline in share of this sector in textile exports of the above stated categories; and

(c) what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The exports of cotton mill-made fabrics and made-ups have increased in terms of both volume and value since the ushering in of the new Textile Policy.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Projects from Andhra Pradesh Government pending clearance

824. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of projects from Andhra Pradesh Government that are pending clearance from environmental angle;

(b) for how long these projects are pending for clearance; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Central Government to clear these projects at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Eight projects are pending clearance from environmental angle from Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Decisions on all projects for which complete Environmental Management Plans are made available are decided within a maximum period of three months. But, these projects are awaiting final decision for a period varying between six months to 3 years primarily because of the non-furnishing of the requisite Environmental Management Plans in a complete form by the project authorities.

(c) Steps taken for early clearance include:

—Regular interaction with the project authorities to facilitate furnishing of all the requisite information;

—Field visits by environmental experts to sort out on the spot the required details in the Environmental Management Plans; and

—Meetings of the Expert Appraisal Committees at least once a month to quickly review the cases where adequate details have been furnishd.

Home Minister's talks with Assam Chief Minister on Implementation of Assam Accord

825. PROF C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the discussions held by the Home Minister with the Chief Minister of Assam regarding the implementation of Assam Accord; and

(b) what are the major issues that remain to be resolved towards the implementation of the Accord?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Among other things, progress made in the implementation of the Assam Accord was reviewed in the recent discussions held by the Home Minister with the Chief Minister, Assam on 7th July, 1988 and the need for working in close cooperation and complete cohesion towards fulfilling provisions of the Accord in toto in letter as well as in spirit was again stressed. Among the major issues that were deliberated upon were the construction of border roads/fence along the border and matters under clause 6 of the Accord pertaining to safeguards for Assamese people.